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From: Houshmand, Ali Asghar
Sent: Friday, November 9, 2018 10:26 AM
To: Gilmore, Lewis
Cc: Zazzali, Robert
Subject: Fwd: Sexism Against Your Female Athletes

Dan:
You should be able to manage this so that it does not get out of control and damage the University's reputation. A serious conversation with your football coach is necessary!
Ali

Sent from my iPhone

Begin forwarded message:

Resent-From: <presidenthoushmand@rowan.edu>
From: Carrie Rupnow-Kidd <[REDACTED]>
Date: November 9, 2018 at 10:22:30 AM EST
To: "Gilmore, Lewis" <gilmore@rowan.edu>, "Kempf, Penny A." <kempf@rowan.edu>, President Houshmand <presidenthoushmand@rowan.edu>
Subject: Sexism Against Your Female Athletes
Reply-To: Carrie Rupnow-Kidd <[REDACTED]>

Dear President Houshmand and Athletic Directors Mr. Gilmore and Ms. Kempf,

I was flabbergasted to read this morning that here, now, in 2018, Rowan University is now not only prohibiting their female athletes from practicing in sports bras, but has relegated them to a local high school field. What a disgrace for such a leader in higher education in South Jersey. Such edicts support and perpetuate a rape culture that tells women that they need to dress their bodies' for men's sake, leaving no responsibility to the male athletes for their own focus. Sending women to a local high school field to practice undermines their importance as equals in the athletic community at Rowan.

What disgusting, antiquated messages to send to your athletes, student body, and the entire South Jersey community. As a parent of three girls who will be headed to college in a few short years, I take note of how universities discriminate against women with decisions like this.

I look forward to Rowan rectifying these poor decisions by reversing the decisions and apologizing to the female athletes.

Sincerely,
Carrie Rupnow-Kidd
Merchantville, NJ